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Carved and inlaid oak coffer c.1630

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA17850****Date of manufacture: Before 1700**

Description

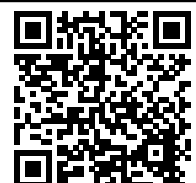
An early 17th century coffer or chest of excellent colour and patination, well carved and with the front panels inlaid. The inlay, in the form of diamonds, is within Romaine or Romanesque arches; a good early sign. The bottom rails to the front and sides are all fretted, which is a rare feature. The decoration to the top rail is also continued round the sides; another sign of quality. The planked top is not the original one but has clearly been in place, along with the strap hinges secured by clout nails, since the early 18th century. (The broken 17th c. iron 'ring and pin' hinges are still fixed to the carcass.) The old keyhole was filled and an early 18th century brass escutcheon added at the same time. Although these are not original features the alterations are themselves around 300 years old and are part of the history of this lovely piece. SIZE: 54.65 inches wide; 21.25 inches deep; 27 inches tall. CONDITION: Good; bottom boards original; good leg height; original till (small lidded compartment) inside; lock missing; lid and hinges early 18th c. replacement; very good colour and patina. PROVENANCE: Old Hall School, Wellington, near Shrewsbury. The Old Hall was bu...

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